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SUBJECT: RUMORED REPLACEMENT OF SAIQA LEADER ZUHAYR MUHSIN

1. VARIOUS REPORTS HERE SPECULATED THAT SARG HAD REPLACED SAIQA COMMANDER ZUHAYR MUHSIN WITH ANOTHER BAATHIST PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL. OUR NORMALLY WELL INFORMED LOCAL SOURCES ON PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS HAVE AS YET BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THAT MUHSIN HAS BEEN REPLACED.

2. AUGUST 25 PRESS REPORTED CEREMONY COMMEMORATING PLA MARTYRS PREVIOUS NIGHT WHICH LISTED AS MOST PROMINENT OF THOSE IN ATTENDANCE "COMRADE ZUHAYR MUHSIN, CHIEF OF PLO MILITARY BUREAU." TWO LOCAL PAPERS DISPLAYED PHOTOS OF EVENT, SHOWING MUHSIN IN FRONT ROW NEXT TO PLA COMMANDER MISBAH BUDAYRI. UNTIL WE OBTAIN MORE DIFINITE INFORMATION, THIS SUGGESTS MUHSIN STILL RETAINS HIS OTHER HAT AS SAIQA COMMANDER.
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